

# 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: United States Military Academy Board of Visitors

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## 1. Department or Agency

Department of Defense

## 2. Fiscal Year

2018

## 3. Committee or Subcommittee

United States Military Academy Board of Visitors

## 3b. GSA Committee No.

75

## 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

## 5. Current Charter

11/16/2016

## 6. Expected Renewal Date

11/16/2018

## 7. Expected Term Date

## 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

## 8b. Specific Termination Authority

## 8c. Actual Term Date

## 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

## 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

## 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

## 11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

## 12. Specific Establishment Authority

Secretary of War James Monroe determination; 10 U.S.C. 4355

## 13. Effective Date

02/28/1815

## 14. Committee Type

Continuing

## 14c. Presidential?

Yes

## 15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

## 16a. Total Number of Reports

1

## 16b. Report Date Report Title

12/20/2017 2017 Annual Report United States Military Academy Board of Visitors

## Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

17a. Open 3 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 3

## Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Fall/Annual Meeting	10/20/2017	10/20/2017
Winter/Annual Meeting (Includes election of 2018 Chair and Vice Chair, and swearing in of Presidential Appointees)	02/28/2018	02/28/2018
Summer Meeting	07/09/2018	07/09/2018

## Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 3

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$20,905.00	\$22,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$9,955.00	\$11,000.00

<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$9,367.00	\$10,000.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$12,323.00	\$12,000.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$52,550.00	\$55,000.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.25	0.25

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Board of Visitors (BoV) is to serve in an advisory capacity to the United States Military Academy (USMA) at West Point. Upon request and aligned with a standard schedule (synched with the academic year) the BoV is updated such areas as: cadet quality of life issues; infrastructure revitalization, academic programs, military and physical programs, energy program, intercollegiate athletics, admissions, and the West Point Leader Development System. The BoV is informed and updated on all activities at USMA.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

IAW 10USC Sec4355 the BoV is comprised of 9 members of the Congress (4 senators, 5 representatives) and 6 presidential appointees totaling 15 members. USMA BoV is currently fully staffed. Board membership is not subject to Academy appointment but is determined by the Senate, House and by Presidential appointment. The Board shows ethnic and gender diversity. Presidential members have backgrounds in consulting, military, private sector business, State Senate, law and public service areas. In December 2017, two Presidential Appointees' terms expired and those positions were filled by new Appointees in April 2018. One Congressional position was vacated in March 2018 and subsequently filled by a new appointee on 19 March 2018.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The BoV holds meetings three times a year. In FY 2018, one meeting was held in Washington, DC and two were held at West Point, NY The meetings are purely for information-sharing.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

Federal statute (10 U.S.C. 4355) requires the Secretary of Defense to establish this committee.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

Meetings are not closed to the public unless the DoD determines that items on the planned agenda meet the closed meeting provisions of 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c). Pursuant to

DoD policy closed meetings can only be authorized by the DoD Sponsor, the Secretary of the Army, and only after consultation with the Office of General Counsel for the Department of the Army.

## 21. Remarks

The Annual Report of the Board of Visitors to the USMA to Congress and the Secretary of War, dated June 15, 1819, was posted to the FACA database in FY 2016. Secretary of War James Monroe determined on February 28, 1815 that there would be a Board of Visitors for the U.S. Military Academy; the first Board of Visitors' meeting was December 1815 (Office of the Historian, U.S. Military Academy). The USMA Board of Visitors is the oldest existing FACA committee. Department of Defense (DoD) policy between fiscal year 2007 and 2011 required that subcommittee members be listed separately in the subcommittee section of GSA's Database, even if they were duly appointed members of the parent committee. This policy, in some instances, caused a duplication of entries. Beginning in fiscal year 2012, DoD will only list in the subcommittee section of GSA's Database those who are appointed to just a subcommittee. If an individual is appointed to the parent committee and to one of the committee's authorized subcommittees then his or her subcommittee affiliation will be reflected in the parent committee membership section of GSA's Database.

## Designated Federal Officer

Deadra Kay Ghostlaw Designated Federal Official, USMA Board of Visitors

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Black, Frederick	01/03/2017	12/30/2019	Retired Independent Management Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Burr, Richard	06/23/2009	12/31/2018	US Senator	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Conaway, Kenneth	03/01/2012	12/31/2018	US Representative (TX)	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Fulton, Brenda	07/18/2011	12/30/2019	Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gillibrand, Kirsten	01/01/2014	12/31/2018	US Senator	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Lute, Jane	01/03/2017	12/28/2018	Special Coordinator/United Nations	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Maloney, Sean	05/16/2016	12/31/2018	Member of Congress	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Manchin, Joe	03/19/2018	01/04/2019	United States Senator	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
McNally, Elizabeth	11/18/2013	12/30/2018	USMA Graduate/Management Consultant-McKinsey&Co	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mobbs, Meaghan	04/19/2018	12/30/2020	Doctoral Student-Clinical & Counseling Psychology	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Moran, Jerry	06/28/2017	12/31/2020	U.S. Senator	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Murphy, Stephanie	05/26/2017	12/31/2018	Member of Congress/Representative	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Nicholson, R. 04/19/2018 12/30/2020 Attorney (Senior Counsel)

Rooney, Thomas 05/19/2017 12/31/2018 Member of Congress/Representative

Womack, Steve 02/01/2012 12/31/2018 US Representative

Special Government Employee (SGE)  
Member

Regular Government Employee (RGE)  
Member

Regular Government Employee (RGE)  
Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 15**

### Narrative Description

The USMA Board of Visitors provides oversight on all mission related tasks of the United States Military Academy. Their primary focus is on quality of the Academic, Physical, and Military Programs, and fiscal affairs at West Point, which enables the highest quality graduate and commissioned officer leader of character in our Army.

### What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

### What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

## **Cost Savings Comments**

NA

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

89

## **Number of Recommendations Comments**

In the past several years the Board has focused on 10 or less major recommendations, and has listed these recommendations in the Board's Annual report to the President of the United States. USMA responds to these recommendations at each meeting and annually in the report. The Board then evaluates USMA's response to all recommendations. During FY2017, the Board made 3 recommendations to USMA.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

63%

## **% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

In a few instances, information requested by the Board was not provided during the calendar year.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

18%

## **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

Information requested by the Board and not provided during the calendar year was provided at a later date in order to ensure accuracy of reporting.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

## **Agency Feedback Comments**

USMA feedback is part of the Annual Report to the President. Additionally, the Board receives updates from Academy leadership at each meeting and in information papers upon request at other times throughout the year.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

- |                                   |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Reorganized Priorities            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Issued new regulation             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed legislation              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other                             | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Action Comments**

Not Applicable

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

NA

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

- |                           |                                     |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Contact DFO               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Access Comments**

The USMA BoV Annual reports are sent to the Library of Congress after Presidential Review. There is a USMA BoV website which provides information regarding the Board's membership, rules & regulations and announces upcoming meetings.